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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE FOR LEBANESE ARMED FORCES: TRANSFERRING  
SURPLUS AMMUNITION

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Classified By: DCM David J. Keegan, for reasons 1.4(b), (d)

(C) Acting Pol/Econ Chief delivered reftel demarche to Paul Ash, Acting Deputy Director for Defence and Security at the New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFAT) on July 5. Mr. Ash informed Embassy that the New Zealand Defence Forces do not use 155mm HE Deep Cavity howitzer rounds and there are no stocks of 105mm HEAT or HEP-T currently in stock. Per Mr. Ash, there are also no domestic capabilities to manufacture this ammunition. New Zealand New Zealand receives its supply of 105mm ammunition from Canadian sources.

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